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1. AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL, WE PROPOSED 30-DAY EXTENSION OF CHARTER UNDERSTANDING TO ROGERS, DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND EXPLAINED EXTENSION BEING SOUGHT TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCUSSION OF SEVERAL QUESTIONS RELATING TO CHARTER REGIME BEFORE DECISION TAKEN WHETHER TO EXTEND ARRANGEMENT THROUGH 1975. ROGERS WAS CLEARLY IRRITATED BY OUR PROPOSAL. HE SAID USG HAD AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE ANY QUESTIONS IT HAD CONCERNING CHARTER MOU WELL BEFORE IT DUE TO EXPIRE BUT HAD FAILED TO DO SO. HE SAID HE RAISED ISSUE OF CHARTER MOU WITH USG IN JANUARY AND AGAIN IN FIRST HALF OF MARCH AND NO RESERVATIONS WERE THEN EXPRESSED. HE SAID HE HAD RECEIVED NO ADVSNCE EVIDENCE THAT CHARTER ARRANGEMENTS HAD NOT BEEN WORKING WELL WND IN UK VIEW THEY HAVE BEEN ENTIRELY SATISFACTORY. IN VIEW OF THIS, HE SAID HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHY USG AT THIS LATE DATE NOW ASKING FOR DISCUSSIONS AS A PRECONDITION FOR EXTENDING AGREEMENT THROUGH 1975.

2. AFTER INITIAL EXPRESSION OF IRRITATION AND SURPRISE, ROGERS WENT ON TO SAY IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR UKG
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TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITHIN THE 30-DAY TIME-FRAME PROPOSED.

HE EXPLAINED HE HAS LONG-PLANNED LEAVE COMMITMENTS FOR MIDDLE TWO WEEKS OF APRIL AND OTHER NEGOTIATING COMMITMENTS IN THE WEEK FOLLOWING HIS RETURN AND THEREFORE END APRIL OR BEGINNING MAY WOULD BE EARLIEST HE WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR TALKS. WE SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS SOMEONE ON HIS STAFF MIGHT HANDLE THE TALKS BUT HE SAID IF TALKS ARE TO BE HELD AT ALL, HE WOULD WANT TO HANDLE THEM.

3. AT OUR CONTINUED INSISTENCE ON THE NEED FOR DISCUSSION HE SAID HE WOULD RELUCTANTLY BE WILLING TO GO ALONG WITH A 60-DAY EXTENSION OF MOU TO PERMIT DISCUSSIONS TO TAKE PLACE. FOR TALKS TO BE MEANINGFUL, HOWEVER, AND TO BE ABLE TO GET QUICKLY TO THE HEART OF THE PROBLEM, HE WOULD WANT TO HAVE IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING WHATEVER STATISTICAL EVIDENCE THE US HAS THAT PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS ARE NOT WORKING SATISFACTORILY FOR BOTH SIDES. HE WOULD ALSO HOPE THAT MEETING WOULD BE HELD IN LONDON AND THAT THE OCCASION WOULD BE USED TO DISCUSS OTHER BILATERAL AVIATION PROBLEMS WHICH HE SAID COULD BE DECIDED UPON IN ADVANCE.

4. COMMENT: ROGER'S REACTION TO PROPOSAL WAS MUCH AS WE EXPECTED. IT IS CLEAR FROM HIS REMARKS THAT HE IS DISPLEASED WITH USG PROPOSAL, THAT HE REGARDS BURDEN OF PROOF FOR ANY CHANGES IN CHARTER ARRANGEMENTS TO REST SOLELY WITH US, AND REASONS WILL HAVE TO BE VERY COMPELLING. IT IS ALSO CLEAR THAT UK WILL WANT TO RAISE OTHER AVIATION ISSUES WITH US DURING ANY TALKS AND THESE ISSUES MAY NOT BE CONFINED TO CHARTER SERVICES. IN VIEW OF ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES, IF DEPARTMENT STILL CONVINCED OF NEED FOR PRIOR DISCUSSIONS WE RECOMMEND STRONGLY THAT WE ACCEPT ROGER'S COUNTERPROPOSAL FOR 60-DAY EXTENSION OF MOU AND FIX DATE FOR TALKS AS EARLY IN MAY AS FEASIBLE. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS BY IMMEDIATE CABLE.

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